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Commissioners -

The Postal Service has informed us of their final decision to close our post office, posted on October 27, 2011, in the McCallsburg, Iowa, Post Office. This action is being taken after over our protestations. We, the customers of the McCallsburg Post Office, vigorously protest this action in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

We are submitting this request for an appeal as we believe the Postal Service violated their own regulations, policies, and procedures in a rushed bid to discontinue service and close the McCallsburg Post Office.

Furthermore, the Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in non-career employees handling the mail. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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On behalf of all the citizens of McCallsburg

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